

Remarks/Arguments:

This is a reply to the office action of December 22, in which prior rejections were withdrawn, but rejections on new grounds were made.

Claims 11 and 12, which were rejected as anticipated by Kataoka et al., have been canceled.

Claims 1, 4 - 8, 10 - 13 and 15 were rejected as obvious over Kataoka et al. in view of Well.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended above to recite that the source of free radicals is a chemical source, specifically Fenton's reagent. None of the currently applied references discloses a chemical radical source, or specifically Fenton's reagent. We therefore submit that claims 1 and 13 are not obvious from the prior art.

Claims 7 and 8, which were no longer consistent with claim 1, have been canceled.

The remaining claims (4 - 6, 10 and 15) depend from claims which are deemed patentable. Therefore, we believe that, as amended above, this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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